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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08), are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Cite Nos. F1 through F8 as listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" on the IDS List of References were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2005/000426, of which the above-identified patent application was the National Stage. All of these references are not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F8, a copy of the International Search Report in English accompanies this paper.

In addition, under "Background Art" in the present specification, Cite Nos. F1 and F2 are cited at the end of paragraph [0006], and generally discussed prior to that, in paragraphs [0003] through [0005].

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References, and to make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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